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## Man Charged in Koreatown Shooting, Police Standoff

A man was charged today with shooting a smoke shop clerk before running from police and barricading himself in another store for three hours this week in Koreatown, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Joseph Michael Young (dob 5/13/77) of Los Angeles faces one count each of willful, deliberate and premeditated attempted murder with allegations that he personally and intentionally discharged a handgun, causing great bodily injury; assault with a firearm with an allegation that he personally used a firearm; shooting at an occupied building; and possession of a firearm by a felon.

The charges include allegations that Young has a prior felony conviction, according to the complaint for case BA477479.

He is expected to be arraigned today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

On April 30, Young allegedly entered a smoke shop at 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Vermont Avenue where he had a confrontation with the clerk over a purchase, prosecutors said. The defendant allegedly attempted to shoot the man, but the gun jammed and the victim ran from the store.

Young is accused of chasing the clerk and firing at him multiple times, hitting him once in the leg. The defendant then allegedly fled from nearby police officers who were responding to the gunshots and entered a discount retail store, where he is accused of firing again and shattering a window, prosecutors said.

He was in the store for three hours before he was arrested.

Young faces a possible maximum sentence of 39 years to life, plus seven years, in state prison if convicted as charged.

Prosecutors are recommending that bail be set at more than \$2 million.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Olympic Division.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.